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SUBJECT: Media Reaction: Middle East: Gaza and Brazil; Sco Paulo

Title- Fake Diplomacy

Column in liberal Folha de S.Paulo (1-13) states: "Brazil has been criticized by some for "condemning" the [Israeli] attacks in Gaza. This is just a pure facade. Ask what concrete initiative Itamaraty (Foreign Ministry) or Planalto (Executive Power) will take to disturb the Israeli government. Be prepared for complete silence. Nonetheless, in the world of representation, it sounds important to send our foreign minister on an excursion to the Middle East to appear in photos with the President of Egypt and shake hands with the Israeli minister who "doesn't see a humanitarian crisis" in Gaza. . . . Brazil's stance is, in fact, the opposite. Compare [for example]: for much less, if lives are worth anything, Brazil recalled its Ambassador to Quito, until certifying that the Correa Government honored its financial promises with a contractor. In Gaza, civilians are being left to their own luck, manipulated by Islamic extremists and victims of brutal Israeli war machine. What's up Mr. President [Lula], are you going to call our Ambassador for a conversation?

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